



1224 Mill St., BLDG B, Suite 223
East Berlin, CT. 06023
203-238-1207
FAX (203) 238-3437
www.ctnurses.org

**Testimony in support of Raised Bill: 1070 AN ACT ALLOWING ADVANCED
PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO ISSUE
HOME HEALTH ORDERS**

Honorable Chairs Senator Abrams, Representative Steinberg, Vice Chairs Senator Anwar, Senator Kushner, Representative Gilchrest, Ranking Members Senator Hwang, Senator Somers, Representative Petit and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of **Raised Bill 1070 An Act Allowing Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Physician Assistants to Issue Home Health Orders** on behalf of CT Nurses Association (CNA).

This bill will expedite the appropriate and safe transfer of patients out of hospitals and other higher care settings to home. The federal CARES ACT allows APRNs and PAs to issue home health orders. CT has moved ahead to allow APRNs to function to their full scope of practice and this bill is another measure to remove regulatory burdens that impede quality and expeditious care. HB 1070 not only alleviates delays that patients and other providers experience waiting for busy physicians to write these orders, it facilitates the plan of care that members of the health care team and the patient have agreed upon. Allowing APRNs and PAs, who are often more accessible than the Physician, to sign these orders is one more way to improve the flow of patient care and avoid delays that often occur while simply waiting for a Physician's signature. The bill also alleviates patient inconvenience by these delays. Delays are not only detrimental to their

health but can lead to increased costs from Medicare if patients remain in a setting beyond designated days.

Barriers to APRNs practice have been removed over the years to support quality patient care and outcomes. This is another step in the right direction. We support Raised Bill 1070 and urge its passage this session.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane M Williams PhD., RN

Senior Policy Advisor, Connecticut Nurses Association

Professor Emeritus, Central Connecticut State University